Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2012

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 17, 2012, there were 522,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2012, an increase of 200 from February 2012 and 5,200 more than the number employed in March 2011.

Agricultural employment was 33,900 persons in March 2012, up 1,500 from the February 2012 level but 5,500 less than the March 2011 agricultural employment level of 39,400. Non-agricultural employment was 488,100 persons in March 2012. This is a decrease of 1,300 from the February 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 489,400 and 10,700 more than March 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2012 was 5.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the February 2012 rate of 5.3 percent and 0.6 percentage points lower than the March 2011 level of 5.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 900 to 550,300 persons in March 2012 from 551,200 persons in February 2012. This is 2,400 more than the March 2011 labour force of 547,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 68.2 percent in March 2012 from 68.4 percent in February 2012. The March 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.7 percent.

There were 28,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2012. This is a decrease of 1,100 from February 2012 and is 2,800 less than the number unemployed in March 2011.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 529,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2012, up 300 from the February 2012 level of 529,400 and is up 5,300 from the March 2011 employment level of 524,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2012 was 4.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the February 2012 rate of 5.0 percent and 0.4 percentage points lower than the March 2011 rate of 5.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 84,100 persons in March 2012 to 17,148,200 persons from 17,064,100 persons in February 2012. In March 2011, there were 16,934,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate remained constant at 7.7 percentage points in March 2012 from the February 2012 level. In March 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in March 2012. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than February 2012 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the March 2011 level of 7.6 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March 2012	February 2012	March 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,581.1	18,487.7	18,453.3	93.4	127.8
Employed ('000)	17,148.2	17,064.1	16,934.2	84.1	214.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,717.5	13,615.8	13,524.9	101.7	192.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,430.7	3,448.3	3,409.3	-17.6	21.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,432.8	1,423.6	1,519.1	9.2	-86.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.7	8.2	0.0	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.4	7.6	-0.2	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.6	66.2	0.3	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	550.3	551.2	547.9	-0.9	2.4
Employed ('000)	522.0	521.8	516.8	0.2	5.2
Full-Time ('000)	425.6	423.9	416.5	1.7	9.1
Part-Time ('000)	96.4	97.9	100.4	-1.5	-4.0
Unemployed ('000)	28.3	29.4	31.1	-1.1	-2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.3	5.7	-0.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	5.0	5.2	-0.2	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.4	68.7	-0.2	-0.5
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,226.4	2,216.9	2,169.2	9.5	57.2
Employed ('000)	2,109.4	2,106.2	2,044.9	3.2	64.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,742.3	1,739.2	1,663.8	3.1	78.5
Part-Time ('000)	367.2	367.1	381.1	0.1	-13.9
Unemployed ('000)	117.0	110.7	124.4	6.3	-7.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.0	5.7	0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.0	5.7	0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	73.2	73.0	72.5	0.2	0.7
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	656.9	656.7	653.9	0.2	3.0
Employed ('000)	621.7	617.4	616.7	4.3	5.0
Full-Time ('000)	495.5	488.7	489.2	6.8	6.3
Part-Time ('000)	126.2	128.7	127.6	-2.5	-1.4
Unemployed ('000)	35.2	39.3	37.2	-4.1	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	6.0	5.7	-0.6	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.6	5.5	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.4	68.8	0.0	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2012	February 2012	March 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	550.3	551.2	547.9	-0.9	2.4
Male	296.1	296.5	293.5	-0.4	2.6
Female	254.2	254.7	254.4	-0.5	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	88.4	91.0	87.9	-2.6	0.5
25+ Years of age	461.9	460.2	460.0	1.7	1.9
EMPLOYED ('000)	522.0	521.8	516.8	0.2	5.2
Male	280.0	280.2	274.9	-0.2	5.1
Female	242.0	241.5	241.9	0.5	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	81.0	83.1	77.0	-2.1	4.0
25+ Years of age	441.0	438.7	439.8	2.3	1.2
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	28.3	29.4	31.1	-1.1	-2.8
Male	16.1	16.2	18.6	-0.1	-2.5
Female	12.2	13.2	12.5	-1.0	-0.3
15-24 Years of Age	7.4	7.9	10.9	-0.5	-3.5
25+ Years of age	20.9	21.6	20.2	-0.7	0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.1	5.3	5.7	-0.2	-0.6
Male	5.4	5.5	6.3	-0.1	-0.9
Female	4.8	5.2	4.9	-0.4	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.4	8.7	12.4	-0.3	-4.0
25+ Years of age	4.5	4.7	4.4	-0.2	0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.2	68.4	68.7	-0.2	-0.5
Male	74.0	74.2	74.3	-0.2	-0.3
Female	62.5	62.7	63.2	-0.2	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	64.8	66.7	64.0	-1.9	0.8
25+ Years of age	68.9	68.7	69.7	0.2	-0.8

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2012	February 2012	March 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	33.9	32.4	39.4	1.5	-5.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.9	24.4	23.6	1.5	2.3
Utilities	5.3	5.0	6.2	0.3	-0.9
Construction	38.0	37.0	36.9	1.0	1.1
Manufacturing	27.3	29.1	28.7	-1.8	-1.4
Trade	77.8	78.0	79.4	-0.2	-1.6
Transportation and Warehousing	25.6	25.6	25.6	0.0	0.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.3	29.9	31.5	1.4	-0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.4	25.5	22.8	-0.1	2.6
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.8	11.9	10.8	-0.1	1.0
Educational Services	45.8	44.6	41.8	1.2	4.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.7	69.3	64.7	-1.6	3.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.1	18.5	18.7	-1.4	-1.6
Accommodation and Food Services	33.9	34.6	31.5	-0.7	2.4
Other Services	25.2	26.1	25.3	-0.9	-0.1
Public Administration	29.9	29.9	29.8	0.0	0.1
Total	522.0	521.8	516.8	0.2	5.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	425.6	423.9	416.5	1.7	9.1
Part-Time	96.4	97.9	100.4	-1.5	-4.0
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	424.8	428.3	420.3	-3.5	4.5
Public Sector	137.2	137.2	134.4	0.0	2.8
Private Sector	287.6	291.1	285.9	-3.5	1.7
Self-Employed	97.2	93.5	96.5	3.7	0.7

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2012	February 2012	March 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,148.2	17,064.1	16,934.2	84.1	214.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	217.5	217.1	216.8	0.4	0.7
Prince Edward Island	67.6	67.2	67.5	0.4	0.1
Nova Scotia	442.3	445.1	439.2	-2.8	3.1
New Brunswick	333.7	339.3	340.7	-5.6	-7.0
Quebec	3,871.3	3,829.4	3,862.4	41.9	8.9
Ontario	6,685.1	6,649.8	6,590.2	35.3	94.9
Manitoba	621.7	617.4	616.7	4.3	5.0
Saskatchewan	522.0	521.8	516.8	0.2	5.2
Alberta	2,109.4	2,106.2	2,044.9	3.2	64.5
British Columbia	2,277.7	2,270.8	2,239.0	6.9	38.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.7	7.7	8.2	0.0	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	14.2	14.0	0.2	0.4
Prince Edward Island	13.1	12.7	13.4	0.4	-0.3
Nova Scotia	9.3	9.0	10.1	0.3	-0.8
New Brunswick	11.6	11.2	10.9	0.4	0.7
Quebec	8.8	9.1	8.7	-0.3	0.1
Ontario	7.8	7.6	8.6	0.2	-0.8
Manitoba	5.4	6.0	5.7	-0.6	-0.3
Saskatchewan	5.1	5.3	5.7	-0.2	-0.6
Alberta	5.3	5.0	5.7	0.3	-0.4
British Columbia	7.1	7.4	8.2	-0.3	-1.1

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	March 2012	February 2012	March 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,436.5	17,354.2	17,228.1	82.3	208.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.1	228.8	228.6	-0.7	-0.5
Prince Edward Island	72.0	72.2	71.6	-0.2	0.4
Nova Scotia	456.6	459.5	453.1	-2.9	3.5
New Brunswick	346.9	352.6	354.0	-5.7	-7.1
Quebec	3,952.1	3,915.7	3,950.1	36.4	2.0
Ontario	6,788.2	6,742.1	6,690.8	46.1	97.4
Manitoba	631.4	625.3	627.3	6.1	4.1
Saskatchewan	529.7	529.4	524.4	0.3	5.3
Alberta	2,132.3	2,127.9	2,064.3	4.4	68.0
British Columbia	2,299.1	2,300.8	2,264.0	-1.7	35.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.2	7.4	7.7	-0.2	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.0	12.9	12.4	0.1	0.6
Prince Edward Island	11.3	10.8	11.2	0.5	0.1
Nova Scotia	8.3	8.2	9.0	0.1	-0.7
New Brunswick	10.2	10.1	9.6	0.1	0.6
Quebec	7.9	8.4	7.7	-0.5	0.2
Ontario	7.4	7.6	8.1	-0.2	-0.7
Manitoba	5.3	5.6	5.5	-0.3	-0.2
Saskatchewan	4.8	5.0	5.2	-0.2	-0.4
Alberta	5.3	5.0	5.7	0.3	-0.4
British Columbia	7.0	6.9	8.1	0.1	-1.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2012	February 2012	March 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.2	7.6	6.5	0.6	1.7
Halifax	6.3	5.7	6.7	0.6	-0.4
Saint John	8.9	7.7	7.0	1.2	1.9
Quebec	5.8	5.3	7.1	0.5	-1.3
Montreal	9.8	9.6	8.5	0.2	1.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.9	5.7	6.3	0.2	-0.4
Greater Sudbury	7.8	6.6	7.9	1.2	-0.1
Toronto	8.3	8.0	8.2	0.3	0.1
Winnipeg	5.9	5.7	5.7	0.2	0.2
Regina	4.1	4.1	5.8	0.0	-1.7
Saskatoon	6.0	5.8	6.0	0.2	0.0
Calgary	4.9	4.9	6.1	0.0	-1.2
Edmonton	5.8	5.0	5.9	0.8	-0.1
Vancouver	6.6	6.6	8.3	0.0	-1.7
Victoria	5.5	5.5	6.4	0.0	-0.9
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	165.6	165.9	157.8	-0.3	7.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	46.8	47.4	50.7	-0.6	-3.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	174.5	174.5	171.8	0.0	2.7
Yorkton-Melville	39.4	40.1	38.6	-0.7	0.8
Prince Albert & Northern	95.1	94.0	97.7	1.1	-2.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2012	February 2012	March 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	549.6	549.4	548.2	0.2	1.4
Employed ('000)	520.8	521.3	516.2	-0.5	4.6
Unemployed ('000)	28.8	28.1	32.0	0.7	-3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.1	5.8	0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.2	68.8	0.0	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	64.8	64.8	-0.2	-0.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	503.3	502.2	504.8	1.1	-1.5
Employed ('000)	481.9	481.4	481.9	0.5	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	21.5	20.8	22.9	0.7	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	4.5	0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.4	69.4	0.1	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	65.5	65.5	66.3	0.0	-0.8
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	46.3	47.2	43.5	-0.9	2.8
Employed ('000)	39.0	39.9	34.3	-0.9	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	7.3	9.2	0.0	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.8	15.4	21.1	0.4	-5.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	66.9	62.8	-1.4	2.7
Employment Rate (%)	55.2	56.6	49.5	-1.4	5.7
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	19.2	19.6	17.2	-0.4	2.0
Employed ('000)	15.1	15.6	12.4	-0.5	2.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	4.0	4.8	0.0	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.9	20.5	27.8	0.4	-6.9
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	63.4	56.7	-1.5	5.2
Employment Rate (%)	49.0	50.4	40.9	-1.4	8.1
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Labour Force ('000)	26.9	27.4	26.2	-0.5	0.7
Employed ('000)	23.6	24.1	21.8	-0.5	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	3.2	4.4	0.1	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.3	11.9	16.8	0.4	-4.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	69.4	67.4	-1.3	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	59.7	61.2	56.1	-1.5	3.6

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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